



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 9007.0002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
David Seidler ) Group Art Unit: 3727  
Application No.: 09/933,992 ) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton  
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For: VIRTUAL HINGE ) Confirmation No.: 7709

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicant submits the following remarks responsive to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, the period for response having been extended to January 1, 2005, by a petition requesting a three-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Claims 1-15 and 17-118 are pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15, 17-39, 42, and 44-118 were withdrawn from consideration "as being directed to a non-elected invention." Office Action at pg. 2.

Applicant respectfully submits that the withdrawal of claims 1-15, 17-39, 42, and 44-118 from consideration is improper for a number of different reasons. For example, the Office Action sets forth nothing more than a conclusory explanation as to why those claims were withdrawn from consideration. In particular, the Office Action merely